GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DIVERSION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY - 2
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 4 laning work on National Highway-2 at Panagarh in West Bengal has been diverted to by-pass the original one;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the additional expenditure incurred therein;

(c) whether the Government have received any representations against the said diversion;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (B.C.KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The existing route through Panagarh Bazar is congested and 4-laning with service road along the existing alignment would have involved acquisition of land and structures. As the title of the properties was difficult to verify, this would have invited litigation and delay. The cost of constructing the bypass is Rs. 45 crore.

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. Representations were received that the widening be done through the Bazar area. In one case suggestion was made to construct a bypass through DVC/Government Lands if widening was not possible through the Bazar area.

(e) It has been decided to bypass the congested Panagarh Bazar to facilitate traffic flow as 4-laning with service road through Bazar area is not possible.